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The amendment filed on February 9, 2009 canceling (amending) all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the previously examined claims were directed to a split bead core assembly (and any associated claims that were generic to the bead core assembly). In this instance, applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention (split bead core and associated generic claims) and thus, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits (no remaining claims, however, are directed to such an invention). Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE

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